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In an editorial Headlined "tragedies and lessons", 585
Al-Sha'ab refers to the statement made by Haj Amin Al-
Hussaini, Mufti of Palestine, in which he declared that
Palestine would have been saved had the Arab States confined
their aid to supplying Palestine with arms and manpower only
without the intervention of their armies; and also refers to
the declaration by the former Egyptian Chief of Staff that
Egypt entered the war in a state of complete unpreparedness 585

In view of these statements coupled with Nuri As-Said's
recent declaration on the same subject, the paper blames Iraq
for engaging in the Palestine war which incurred heavy losses
in men and material and which impaired its prestige. Will it
surprise anyone to see the Arab peoples losing confidence in
their governments after this defeat, he queries. He concludes
that Iraq should draw a good lesson from this catastrophe to
avoid any further calamities.

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Al-Inqad speaks of the prevailing economic crisis in
the country attributing it to the inadequacy of the local
industry to meet local requirements and also to the govern-
ment's failure to cut down the prices. The standstill in our
economic relations with the Arab States, India, Turkey, Iran
and other countries also contributed to the intensification
of this crisis, it adds, and calls for the revival of our
economic relations with Japan and the USSR from whom we can
import all sorts of commodities to meet our needs.

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BYE-ELECTIONS IN THE AFEQ QADHA 585

Owing to the death of Sa'dun Al-Hasen, deputy for Afeq
Qadha, a bye-election will be conducted in that Constituency
on February 17, 1951, to elect a new deputy, states an announce-
ment by the Acting Minister of Interior, (Al-Naba')

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FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENTAL IMPORT COMPANY

A Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of Finance and with the membership of the Directors General of Finance, Imports, Accounts, and of Income Tax, will be set up to draw up the provisions of the governmental company, with a capital of half a million dinars, for the import of essential commodities to Iraq and their disposal to governmental officials at cost price. (Liwa Al-Istiqlal)

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Judge Britt, the British Lawyer in charge of filing a suit against the British oil companies in connection with Iraq's oil royalty, will leave for London today after consulting the Iraqi Government on this subject. (Al-Naba')

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In an editorial, under the headline, the Arabs and the Western Bloc, As-Sijil speaks of the prevailing international tension and of the Anglo-American attempt to line up the big and small nations to their side, including the Arab States. It reminds the Arabs of the many promises these countries have made to the Arabs and which were not fulfilled after the First and Second World War. It urges that any future alliance should not be made unless our demands for complete evacuation from all the Arab countries, removal of military bases from our countries, are realized. Anything short of this, it concludes will not meet with our aspirations.

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